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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 February 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/15/04 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. **Claims 8-20 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Eck et al., US 6,716,103.**

In regard to claim 8, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, discloses a system for capturing and managing images, comprising:

an portable electronic device (see figure 2), further comprising:

a processor (see figure 2, element 30),

a display (see figure 2, element 16), for selectively displaying text, functional icons, and one or more live or stored images (see figures 8a-8h and column 10, line 55 to column 11, line 7), and

a memory (see figure 2, elements 34 and 52), for storing said images (see column 9, lines 15-20: It is inherent the computer saves the images in working memory to use for processing or sending in a message);

an image capture device (see figure 14) removably attached to said electronic device (see column 23, lines 36-41); and

an image management engine loaded into said memory and executed by said processor (see column 10, line 65 to column 12, line 40), the image management engine capable of implementing a plurality of functions for capturing, managing and viewing said images (see column 24, lines 43-55), the plurality of functions selectable from said functional icons presented on said display (see column 11, lines 3-6 and 26-40).

In regard to claim 9, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, discloses the system of claim 8, wherein said electronic device further comprises a transmission source (see figure 3, element 100) for transmitting image data from said electronic device to a remote device (see column 9, lines 16-20).

In regard to claims 10, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, discloses the system of claim 9, wherein said transmission source is wireless (see column 6, lines 33-36).

In regard to claims 11, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, discloses the system of claim 10, wherein said transmission source is infrared (see column 19, lines 61-67).

In regard to claim 12, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, discloses the system of claim 8 wherein said image capture device is a digital camera (see column 23, lines 35-41).

In regard to claim 13 - 14, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, discloses the system of claim 8. The Eck reference discloses wherein the program is transferred from a ROM to the portable electronic device for execution (see column 24, lines 43-55 and column 3, line 55 to column 4, line 20: It is inherent the image control program is transferred to the CPU just as a game program in order to execute the program).

The Eck reference does not disclose that the ROM is a magnetic or optical medium.

Official Notice is taken that magnetic and optical mediums are used as ROMs, in order to be non-volatile storage to save the program when the camera is turned off.

It would have been obvious to a person skilled in the art, at the time of invention, to have been motivated to modify Eck et al., US 6,716,103, to have the program transferred from a magnetic medium or optical medium to the portable electronic device, in order to execute the program on the electronic device.

In regard to claim 15, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, as explained above discloses the system of claim 8 wherein said image capture device comprises an internal memory (see figure 17, element 345).

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In regard to claim 16, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, as explained above discloses the system of claim 15 wherein said image management engine is pre-loaded in said internal memory of said image capture device (see column 24, lines 42-55).

In regard to claim 17, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, discloses the machine-readable medium of claim 16, wherein said image management engine is automatically downloaded and stored in said memory of said portable electronic device upon attachment of said image capture device to said portable electronic device (see column 24, lines 43-55 and column 3, line 55 to column 4, line 20: It is inherent the image control program is transferred to the CPU just as a game program in order to execute the program and is stored to in the CPU working memory as necessary during processing).

In regard to claim 18, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, discloses the system of claim 8 wherein said image management engine presents one or more graphical user interface icons on said display of said electronic device to facilitate management of images (see column , lines 3-6 and 25-40 and column 12, lines 5-15: There are icons for managing the sending of images in messages).

In regard to claim 19, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, discloses a method for managing live images on an electronic device, comprising:

providing a display for viewing said images on said portable electronic device (see figures 8a-8h and column 10, line 55 to column 11, line 7);

providing a camera for capturing said images (see column 23, lines 36-41);

and providing one or more image control functions (see column 9, lines 16-20) that execute an image management engine on said portable electronic device by selecting an icon presented on said display, and the icon representing said control function (see column 11, lines 3-6 and 26-40: There are icons for managing the sending of images in messages).

In regard to claim 20, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, discloses the method of claim 19 further comprising the step of providing a memory to store said image after capturing (see column 25, lines 9-16).

In regard to claim 24, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, discloses the method of claim 19 further comprising the step of providing a transmission source for transmitting selected image data to a remote device after capturing (see column 9, line 16-20).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. **Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eck et al., US 6,716,103, in view of Lourette et al., US 5,978,016.**

In regard to claim 1, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, discloses a machine-readable medium (see figure 17, element 300) comprising

an image management program (see column 24, lines 42-45), the program being executable by an portable electronic device coupled to an image capture device to perform method steps for capturing, controlling and managing an image (see column 24, lines 42-55), comprising:

receiving an image from the image capture device coupled to the portable electronic device (see column 24, lines 24-26);

managing the display of the image on a display screen constituent to the portable electronic device (see column 24, lines 24-26).

The Eck reference does not disclose that the image management program performs the steps of:

managing the display of a graphical user interface on the display screen, the user interface comprising at least one interactive icon, interactive icon being capable of executing a routine within the program upon activation of said icon by a user.

The Eck reference discloses that the paging management program discloses:

managing the display of a graphical user interface on the display screen (see column 24, lines 30-35, figures 7 and 8A-8H, and column 10, lines 55-64: When transferring images in messaging mode a graphical user interface is displayed), the user interface comprising at least one interactive icon (see column 11, lines 3-6), interactive icon being capable of executing a routine within the program upon activation of said icon by a user (see column 11, lines 26-40).

The Lourette reference discloses an image management program for a camera controlled by a computer wherein managing the display of a graphical user interface on the display screen (see column 21, lines 1-9), the user interface comprising at least one interactive icon (see figure 20, elements 24-32), interactive icon being capable of executing a routine within the program upon activation of said icon by a user (see column 21, lines 6-9).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to have been motivated to modify Eck et al., US 6,716,103, in view of Lourette et al., US 5,978,016 to have managing the display of a graphical user interface on the display screen, the user interface comprising at least one interactive icon, interactive icon being capable of executing a routine within the program upon activation of said icon by a user, I order to make the image capture program user interface easier to use.

In regard to claim 2, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, in view of Lourette et al., US 5,978,016, discloses the machine-readable medium of claim 1. The Lourette reference further comprising controlling one or more operational modes of the image capture device (see figure 20, element 23 and column 6, lines 7-8).

In regard to claim 3, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, in view of Lourette et al., US 5,978,016, discloses the machine-readable medium of claim 1. The Eck reference further comprising transmitting said image from said portable electronic device to a remote device (see column 23, lines 36-41).

In regard to claim 4, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, in view of Lourette et al., US 5,978,016, discloses the machine-readable medium of claim 1. The Eck reference

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discloses wherein said program is transferred from the image capture device to the electronic device for execution (see column 24, lines 43-55 and column 3, line 55 to column 4, line 20: It is inherent the image control program is transferred to the CPU just as a game program in order to execute the program).

In regard to claim 5 - 6, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, in view of Lourette et al., US 5,978,016, discloses the system of claim 1. The Eck reference discloses wherein the program is transferred from a ROM to the portable electronic device for execution (see column 24, lines 43-55 and column 3, line 55 to column 4, line 20: It is inherent the image control program is transferred to the CPU just as a game program in order to execute the program).

The Eck and Lourette references do not disclose that the ROM is a magnetic or optical medium.

Official Notice is taken that magnetic and optical mediums are used as ROMs, in order to be non-volatile storage to save the program when the camera is turned off.

It would have been obvious to a person skilled in the art, at the time of invention, to have been motivated to modify Eck et al., US 6,716,103, in view of Lourette et al., US 5,978,016, to have the program transferred from a magnetic medium or optical medium to the portable electronic device, in order to execute the program on the electronic device.

In regard to claim 7, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, in view of Lourette et al., US 5,978,016, discloses the machine-readable medium of claim 1. The Eck reference discloses wherein said portable electronic device is a wireless device (see column 3, lines 19-33 and column 4, lines 39-45).

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7. Claims 21 - 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eck et al., US 6,716,103, and in view of Wakabayashi et al., US 5,097,285.

In regard to claims 21, 22, and 23, Eck et al., US 6,716,103, discloses the method of claim 19. The Eck reference does not disclose that the image is captured by said camera by programming an automatic timer to capture said image within a user-specified time and to capture a user-specified number of images at a user-specified time interval.

Wakabayashi et al., US 5,097,285, discloses a camera with a self-timer (see column 1, lines 26-28). In self-timer mode the user can specify the number of pictures to be taken when the timer expires by pressing the timer button that number of times (see column 3, lines 1-7). The user can specify whether they want the time of the second and following pictures to be longer than the time of the first picture (see column 3, lines 7-13).

It would have been obvious to a person skilled in the art, at the time of invention, to have been motivated to modify Eck et al., US 6,716,103, in view of Wakabayashi et al., US 5,097,285, to have a self timer mode wherein the image is captured by said camera by programming an automatic timer to capture said image within a user-specified time and to capture a user-specified number of images at a user-specified time interval, in order to have time to move from the camera to the position to be photographed as taught by Wakabayashi (see column 3, lines 10-12).

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Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 6,670,985, discloses a PC card camera that attaches to a portable device.

US 6,686,958, discloses camera attached to a portable computer.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gevell Selby whose telephone number is 703-305-8623. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 A.M. - 5:30 PM (every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on 703-305-4725. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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